



# AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

## MINUTES for Meeting of September 18, 2003

AGC Office, Tacoma WA

### Attending:

Frank Scarsella  
Dan Glover  
Ray Arnold  
Ken Stone

Bill Grady  
Kyle Zender  
Mike Morishige  
Jim Spaid

Bob Glenn  
Al Dyer  
Dean Moberg

### Minutes of June 19, 2003 Meeting

Distributed copies and no added comments made.

### Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings The minutes of the September 12, 2003, meeting of the Administration Team and the May 15, 2003 WAPA Joint Task Force meeting were distributed.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at the State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

### Retaining Wall Specifications – Section 6-11 through 6-18, 9-03, 9-10, and 9-33.

Jim distributed draft copies of new Sections 6-11 through 6-18 and revisions to 9-03, 9-10 and 9-33. The Team had reviewed the essence of this material earlier this year in the form of a single new section in the Standard Specifications. In further discussions involving the Geotech office, Bridge and Structures and Construction office, it was determined to break down the sections to individual wall types as a way to reduce the complexity trying to describe so many different wall types in one section.

The team was asked to provide comments and suggested changes to the draft specifications. Jim noted some specific issues where industry input was needed. These included removal and disposal of access road materials, weight limitations on vibratory rollers, and qualification requirements for specialty subcontractors. Jim indicated that additional review and comment within WSDOT is also on going. The Team will be kept up to date as the development process continues.

Rewrite of section 5-04 Hot Mix Asphalt Jim Spaid handed out a copy of the section that will be in the 2004 Standard Specification. The team involved in the rewrite consisted of

members of the Washington Asphalt Pavement Association, WSDOT Materials laboratory, Headquarters, and Regional staff, and was chaired by David Erickson of the Headquarters Construction Office.

The purpose of revising this section was to begin to incorporate the Superpave specifications that have been used for a number of years on most WSDOT projects in the form of special provisions. Some highlights include:

- Name change from Asphalt Concrete Pavement (ACP) to Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)
- Reduction of some of the more prescriptive specifications for equipment
- Elimination of dense graded ACP classes (A, B, E, G, etc.)

Jim noted that the Construction Office was working with the Highways and Local Programs Office to help bring local agencies up to speed on the revised specifications.

## **New Business**

The Gray Notebook Jim Spaid distributed copies of the latest “Gray Notebook” for the quarter ending June 30, 2003. Of particular note in this edition is the new section, the beige pages, that will focus in on the projects that have been funded through the 2003 Transportation Funding Package. The beige pages will feature project reporting, project highlights, program management information and financial information on each of the projects funded from the additional revenue.

The Gray Notebook and the associated Beige Pages are available to view at any time by clicking on the Gray Notebook link on the WSDOT website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/accountability/default.htm>

Jim noted that he would bring future copies of the Gray Notebook to the team meetings as they become available.

Review of Discussion Topics The team considered the list of “Discussion Topics” that has been a continuous part of the team minutes and agendas. Over time, some issues have been added and some have been discussed and resolved in some manner. In discussing how the list might be prioritized, the group indicated that the top three issues that should be handled next included:

- An update and clarification of temporary signing requirements as have resulted from adopting the NCHRP 350 requirements
- A review and update of the specifications for Structure Excavation Class B
- A review and update of specifications for galvanized fencing products

Jim Spaid noted that the State Materials Lab was in the process of performing a risk assessment to determine the extent of testing and certification needed for various materials utilized in highway construction. The result of the risk assessment would have an impact on some of the issues that had been placed on the “Discussion Topics” list, and would likely lead to changes in the way we accept what might be considered “low risk” materials.

Other Items from the “floor” An email memo from Joe Spink was discussed. The memo outlined some difficulties with respect to consistency among WSDOT offices in withholding of payment for documentation that has not been submitted by the contractor. The discussion also included timely processing of change orders. Jim Spaid and other

WSDOT representatives at the meeting indicated that they continually work towards consistency and will continue to do so. It was conceded that perfection in consistency was probably not achievable, but it continues to be a goal.

## **Other Business**

### *Discussion Topics*

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Galvanizing of fence products – review of current specs for consistency.
- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.  
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?  
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Traffic Control Devices –NCHRP 350
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03)
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)

## **Next Meeting**

The next two meetings were scheduled as follows:

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Thursday, December 4, 2003

The meetings will be held at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at 8:00am.